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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, AND STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2008 for the above identified patent application, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, please consider and enter the following amendment and remarks

The instant response is timely (requiring no petition for extension of time, or associated fee), being filed on the first business day after expiry of the 3-month statutory period for response, which fell on a weekend day.

A listing of the claims starts at page 2 of this reply. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Remarks start at page 8 of this reply.